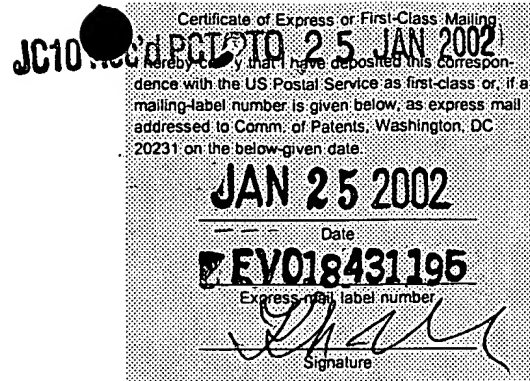
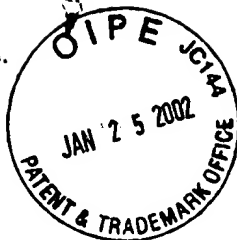


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There are enclosed copies of the references which have been cited in the record of the German Patent and Trademark Office.

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DE 297 23 222 describes a ventilating device by means of which oxygen or compressed air from a compressed air source 1 can be delivered via a pressure regulator 2 to a pneumatic in and out switch 3. By the actuation of the in and out switch 3, a generator 6 is driven by a turbine 5. The voltage of the generator 6 is rectified by a rectifier 7 and smoothed by a condenser 8. The voltage is then supplied as the supply voltage to a microprocessor 15.

The pressure of the compressed gas source 1 of 2.4 to 7 bar is brought by the pressure regulator to an internal operating pressure of about 1.4 bar since the turbine 5 utilizes a part of the energy of the gas the pressure regulator can be set to a correspondingly higher pressure so that the working pressure behind the turbine is again 1.4 bar. The gas stream coming from the turbine is fed through the ventilating gas flow valves 12.

DE 196 30 466 relates to a device for supply gas in the gas in the case of sleep apnea.

WO 98/57691 is in the English language and requires no discussion

DE 198 08 543 relates to a method of determining the mechanical characteristics of a respiration system connected to the breathing apparatus of a patient.

DE 693 20 801 is a translation into German of a text dealing with a method of monitoring the alertness of a driver of a vehicle.


DE 38 55 445 deals with a method and apparatus for analyzing an electroencephalogram.

WO 99/24099 is in the English language and the article by Ficker et al has an abstract in English.

All of the references are listed on a PTO 1449 form.

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